

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 237

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend H. Dean Stone upon being named as one of the first inductees into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame at Middle Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is H. Dean Stone, who was recently named as one of the first inductees into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone, a University of Oklahoma journalism graduate, began his professional journalism career in 1949 as Sunday Editor at *The Daily Times*; he became Managing Editor that same year; and

WHEREAS, he was named Editor in 1978, the position in which he has served with acumen and alacrity ever since; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, H. Dean Stone has served multiple terms as President of the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors, now known as Tennessee Associated Press Media Editors; and

WHEREAS, after four years of planning, the new Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame was officially unveiled in October 2012 and will be housed at MTSU's John Bragg Mass Communications Building; the Hall of Fame covers all categories of professional news media, including television, newspaper, radio, public relations, and electronic media; and

WHEREAS, one of six people to be named as the first inductees, Mr. Stone and his fellow journalists will be inducted during an afternoon ceremony on April 26, 2013, at MTSU's Murphy Center Arena; and

WHEREAS, H. Dean Stone epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud H. Dean Stone for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend H. Dean Stone upon being named as one of the first inductees into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame at Middle Tennessee State University, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.